

OCT 06 2005

PTO/SB/08a (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO				<i>Complete if Known</i>	
				Application Number	10/708,313
				Filing Date	February 24, 2004
				First Named Inventor	Matthew A. Johnson
				Art Unit	3765
				Examiner Name	Tejash D. Patel
(use as many sheets as necessary)					
Sheet	1	Of	1	Attorney Docket Number	
716138.15					

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.			T ²
	A1	Figures A1, A2 and A3, for Cut Away Vest (Digital Photographs).			Attachment A is a prior art vest. It includes a four cable release system to effect cut away of the vest Fig. A1. The shoulder straps each have a cable connection Fig. A3 and the sides each have a cable connection Fig. A2. The four cable connections are similar in construction. The vest has been referred to as a FSBE I vest.
	A2	Figures B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6 and B7, for Cut Away Vest (Digital Photographs).			Attachment B shows a TAC-VG vest that went through several design changes, six versions were believed to have been designed. It is not clear which version the illustrated vest is. One version (unknown) which was sold on or about June 18, 2002. Fourteen units of version four were sold on October 20, 2002. The specific design of what was sold is currently unknown. The shoulders were each joined by a respective cable, Fig. B2 and the belt or sides and cummerbund were connected by a third cable Fig. B3.

Examiner Signature		Date Considered
--------------------	--	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.